

The ride home

In remembrance of the Cheyenne Exodus of 1878

By Rebecca Lyman, Reporter



Despite rainy weather, grandmother Margaret Behan, “Red Spider Women,” horseback riders, healers and earth educators retrace the exodus of her ancestors.

The group began their journey on June 1, 2012, from Concho, Okla. and will travel the 1,391 miles to Lame Deer, Mont. arriving on July 26, 2012.

“This is the first time this journey by horseback has ever been done. A Cherokee lady, Naqwah, who wanted to do a horseback ride of the Trail of Tears from Ft. Clay, Tenn. to Tahlequah, Okla. inspired me. She heard about my gathering ... my turn to host the council. She knew about the Cheyenne escape route because she read the book *Holding Stone Hands* by Alan Boye,” Behan

said. “Naqwah spoke with me and said to me she did not want to do the Trail of Tears, instead she wanted to do the Cheyenne breakout. Naqwah was so excited when we spoke, she told me that she would bring horses to the council’s gathering.”

Behan, Cheyenne, is a Native American spiritual elder and fifth generation of the Sand Creek Massacre. Through her work as an indigenous elder stateswoman, Behan has gained international recognition as part of the International Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers, a group of spiritual elders, medicine women and wisdom keepers since its founding in 2004.

“Once we arrive in Lame Deer the council’s ceremonies will honor the journey,” Behan said with tears beginning to flow from her eyes. “The intention of the ride is to cleanse the blood stained land of my people ... the wisdom of my ancestors lives deep in the soil of this nation. It is time to cultivate the seeds of the wisdom that Indigenous people died to protect.”

In 1877, the U.S. military on an Indian Territory reservation in Ft. Reno, Okla settled the Northern Cheyenne, against their will.

“Over a hundred years ago about 300 Cheyenne made a decision to escape from Ft. Reno and return home back to Montana,” Behan said. “Some Cheyenne could not physically make

the journey because they had fallen to illness. Others made the difficult decision to stay so as to not break up their families.”

The Northern Cheyenne Exodus, also known as Dull Knife’s Raid, the Cheyenne War, or the Cheyenne Campaign, was the attempt of the northern Cheyenne to return to the north, after being placed on the southern Cheyenne reservation and the United States Army’s attempt to stop them.

“When the army learned of the escape, thousands of soldiers were sent to pursue my people. The Cheyenne were greatly out numbered and the long journey back to Lame Deer was not easy for them. But my people were determined and would not retreat,” Behan said.

The riders and horses will ride from Oklahoma then to Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana. This route is in close proximity to the original path that Cheyenne Chiefs Little Wolf and Dull Knife led their people back home to Lame Deer, Mont. in the year 1878.

“As we all travel along the route, anyone is welcome to join with us,” Behan said. “Also the riders and horses will stop along the way and Rick Berry, founder and director of 4Elements will be having hands on teachings of earth skills for the youth and Juan Villareal, an instructor and board member of 4Elements will teach the ways of the horse.”

Berry and his team were teaching the youth gathered at the Concho powwow grounds to build a fire by

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Oklahoma Press presents awards at convention

(Oklahoma City)-The Better Newspaper Contest awards were presented at the Oklahoma Press Association’s (OPA) annual Convention, June 7-9, 2012, at the Reed Center in Midwest City, Okla.

The *Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune* placed second for Feature Writing in Division 9, Sustaining Member/Newspapers.

This is the Tribune’s first time to receive an award from the OPA. First place winner was *Mustang Times*, third place winner was *Osage News* and fourth place winner was *Minco-Union City Times*.

Also announced during the awards banquet were recipients of the OPA H. Milt Phillips Award and the Oklahoma Newspaper Foundation’s Beachy Musselman Award.

Tim Schnoebelen, publisher of the *Mooreland Leader*, received the Milt Phillips Award. Schnoebelen is a third generation publisher of the *Leader*, sharing responsibilities with his wife Karen and son Jeff and his family. Of his choice to return to Mooreland and take over the *Leader*, Schnoebelen said,

“I knew this is what I wanted to do ... I’ve never looked back. I love my family and community and hope that I have contributed in some way to make both proud.”

Receiving the ONF Beachy Musselman Award was Joan Gilmore, columnist for *The Journal Record* in Oklahoma City. Gilmore’s journalism career has spanned nearly 60 years, almost all in Oklahoma. At age 83, she continues much of her civic work and writes a daily column in *The Journal Record*.

Sequoyah Award winners in the 2012 OPA Better Newspaper Contest were *Enid News & Eagle*, *The Duncan Banner*, *The Journal Record*, *Stigler News-Sentinel*, *Oologah Lake Leader*, *The Carnegie Herald*, *The Newcastle Pacer*, *The Edmond Sun*, *Mustang Times* and *Oklahoma State University’s Daily O’Collegian*.

The Sequoyah Award is the highest honor in the contest, which is determined by the amount of points accumulated in the contest’s 12 events: News Content, Layout & Design,

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By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

After months of planning, testing and preparing, the debut airing of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ television station, CATV 47 will be launched at 10 a.m. June 20, 2012.

“The entire staff has been working tirelessly to make this happen, including getting all of our equipment operational and also training ourselves on how to operate some of the newest software,” Randy

Burleson, CATV director said. “Most people don’t realize what is involved in starting a TV station. It isn’t quite as easy as turning on a switch. There is a lot of planning, training, trouble shooting and trial and error on many different levels. Although you may have seen us on the air, we were just running tests of our equipment. It’s kind of a shake down cruise.”

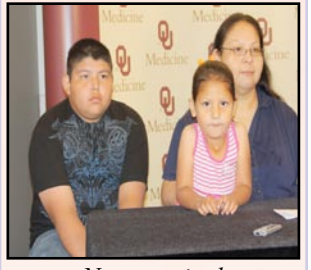
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New surgical system changes life of Clinton boy

Less Invasive Brain Surgery at OU Medical Center Ends Boy's Seizures

Oklahoma City, OK—After suffering from a brain tumor for most of his life, 12-year-old Benjamin Spottedwolf is experiencing dramatic life-style changes following an innovative surgery at The Children's Hospital at OU Medical Center.

Before the operation, Benjamin experienced prolonged seizures, couldn't attend school a full day or even play outside. That has all changed since neurosurgeon, Timothy Mapstone used a new device called the NICO Myriad surgical system to remove Benjamin's benign tumor. Since the surgery on March 28, Benjamin's seizures have vanished.

"Two days before the operation, he was having seizures for three hours straight. He has not had a seizure since his surgery," said Patrice Spottedwolf, Benjamin's mother.

OU Medical Center, including The Children's Hospital at OU Medical Center, is the first hospital in Oklahoma to have the NICO Myriad surgical system. The one-of-a-kind device advances minimally invasive surgical techniques and provides new hope for patients who were previously inoperable.

"Difficult to reach tumors can now be treated more safely through smaller incisions with less brain disruption. Benjamin's surgery lasted three hours; he was released from the hospital after only three days," Mapstone said.

The Myriad device allows surgeons to operate through



Photos by Rosemary Stephens

Above: Dr. Mapstone shows the tiny scar on Benjamin's head from the new surgery technique called NICO Myriad Surgical system. Below l-r: Benjamin, Avery and Patrice Spottedwolf take questions from the audience during the press conference at OU Childrens' Hospital.

a small hole versus an open craniotomy.

The system is used through the working channel of an endoscope, a slender instrument used for visually examining the interior of a bodily canal or organ. The Myriad's controllable tip allows for precise surgical work that is delivered by the physician through a foot pedal operation. The tool allows for slow, methodical tissue removal as required near or on critical structures like optic nerves and carotid arteries as well as for rapid tissue removal of large, more fibrous tumors.

The Myriad has been used in removing brain tumors in children as young as eight months and can be used in removing many of the most common malignant and non-cancerous pediatric brain and central nervous system tumors. It is the first automated



and non-heat producing tumor removal device to operate in open and endoscopic surgical approaches.

Before the surgery, Patrice said Benjamin's seizures caused him to lash out at teachers and other students. She said he now behaves like a different person.

"He's upbeat. Before, he

was totally depressed. He has a totally different attitude. We are grateful the way things have turned out. We are extremely happy with the results because it has helped him so much," she said.

Benjamin is a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes and attends school in Clinton, Okla.

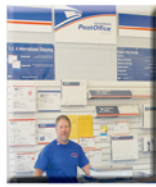
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Jim Thorpe Native American games

By Rebecca Lyman, Reporter

In the spirit of one of the world's greatest athletes, the Jim Thorpe Native American Games brought together thousands of Native American athletes from across the United States competing in 11 different sporting events.

On June 10, 2012 a Parade of Nations opening ceremony began the weeklong competitions for the games held at Remington Park in Oklahoma City. The athletes showcased their talents throughout the week of June 10-16, 2012.

Among the thousands of Native American athletes to walk in the parade, were two softball teams sponsored by the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Lucky Star Casinos.

"We are here today and throughout the week to represent our tribe. We have two softball teams that will be competing later in the week, on Friday and

Saturday, Nebi's women's fast pitch team and the LSC Bears is our slow pitch co-ed team," George Woods, LSC Bears coach said. "I am thankful to Chris Derenzo and the Lucky Star Casinos for allowing us to be a part of these games. I am really excited about being here and hopefully Oklahoma City will host another one in the future."

The competition will celebrate the Native American legend Jim Thorpe and the 100th anniversary of his record setting performance at the Olympics held in Sweden 1912.

Lisa Smith-Longman, coach for the women's Nebi's team said she is glad to represent Native Americans alongside her team that will be playing at Wheeler park in Oklahoma City on Saturday morning.

"This should be

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Photos by Rosemary Stephens

Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes announce new Lt. Governor

On May 31, 2012, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Janice Boswell announced the new Cheyenne and Arapaho Lt. Governor, Amber BigHorse. BigHorse was chosen as the new Lt. Governor

after the impeachment of former Lt. Gov. Leslie Harjo. Supreme Court Justice, Daniel Webber swore in BigHorse at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.



Tribal council strikes one resolution, passes eight

By Rebecca Lyman, Reporter

Over 100 Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members attended the special Tribal Council meeting held Saturday, June 2, 2012 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. There were nine resolutions on the agenda for the tribal members to discuss and vote on.

Tribal Council Coordinator, Lisa Martin, called the meeting to order at 10:19 a.m. She began roll call with a quorum of 75 tribal members being reached at 10:27 a.m.

Bruce Whiteman nominated Patrick Spottedwolf for the meeting's chairman. Joyce Wood second the nomination. Spottedwolf won by acclamation. Diane Willis was nominated for secretary and also won by acclamation. No Sergeant-of-Arms was designated due to tribal security being present.

Resolution 1-Exclusion of "Bad Men", Dennis W. Arrow, non-Indian Whiteman, from the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Lands passed with a vote of 84 for, 2 against and 1 not voting.

Resolution 2-Exclusion of "Bad Men," Lindsay G. Roberston, Non-In-

dian Whiteman, from the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal lands passed with a vote of 85 for, 5 against and 2 abstaining.

Resolution 3-Exclusion of "Bad Men," Kathleen R. Guzman, Non-Indian Whiteman, from the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal lands passed with a vote of 98 for, 0 against and 2 abstaining.

Resolution 4-Policy not to renew Bob A. Smith's, Non Indian Whiteman, Contract and Exclusion of "Bad Men," Bob A. Smith, Non-Indian Whiteman, from the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Lands passed with a vote of 102 for, 1 against and 2 abstaining.

Resolution 5-Approval of the filing of a lawsuit in Federal Court to Sue the United States for Breach of Trust and Fiduciary duty regarding funds of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes by allowing Leslie Harjo, Lt. Governor, to steal Per Capita funds that were set for distribution in December of 2011, to Tribal members, eighteen and over passed with a vote of 110 for, 2 against and 0 abstaining.

Resolution 6-Acceptance of the United States offer in settlement of: Nez

Perce, et al. v. Salazar, et al., Case No. 1:06-cv-2239 passed with a vote of 108 for, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Resolution 7-This resolution authorizes and approves the drawdown of funds from the Gaming Minor's Trust Accounts for school clothing passed with a vote of 99 for, 2 against and 2 abstaining.

Janice Boswell motion to vote on striking Resolution 8 from the agenda, Louella Oldbear second the motion and the tribal members took a vote.

Resolution 8-Resolution to enforce policy by authoring the Governor to seek a replacement for the Vice President of the Tribal College, Alden Whiteman, due to Nepotism was stricken from the agenda with a vote of 82 for, 2 against and 1 abstaining.

Resolution 9-Amend the Enrollment Ordinance was passed with a vote of 97 for, 0 against and 2 abstaining.

Eddie Hamilton motioned to adjourn the council meeting and Louella Oldbear second the motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Lawton bank freezes \$6.5 million in Comanche Nation funds

Lawton, Okla.(AP)-A bank has frozen \$6.5 million in funds belonging to the Comanche Nation amid a leadership dispute, court records show.

Lawyers representing Texas-based International Bank of Commerce filed a complaint Friday in federal court, alleging that a series of recall hearings in April have left bank officials unsure as to who is authorized to use the accounts.

Johnny Wauqua, chairman of the Comanche Nation, called for recall meetings to unseat six members of the Comanche Business Committee and the tribe has since split into two factions.

According to court records, three of the ousted committee members held a Tribal Council meeting somewhere near the tribal complex May 19, passing a set of six resolutions. Some of the resolutions deemed Wauqua's actions illegal, further muddling the leadership issue.

Records show the group wasn't allowed to meet at

the tribal complex near Lawton because Wauqua prevented it using police.

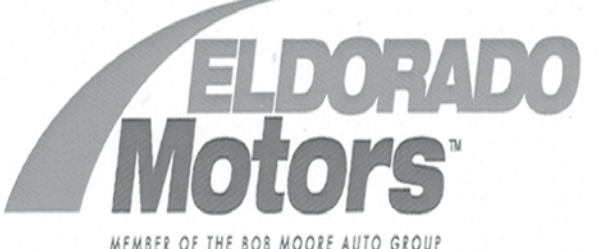
The bank claims it froze the tribe's seven individual accounts on May 29 due to competing claims of signatory authority. Records show both factions are "making claims" on the \$6.5 million.

Attempts to reach the Comanche Nation for comment on this story were unsuccessful.

The freeze placed on the tribe's funds marks the second time in the past few weeks a leadership dispute has caused tribal funds to be frozen by a bank.

In late April, a Clinton bank placed an administrative freeze on \$6.4 million belonging to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes due to a leadership quarrel between the governor and lieutenant governor. A district judge is expected to give a final ruling on the issue June 21, 2012 in Custer County.

In the meantime, the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes have sued the judge in Custer County, as well as the bank, for keeping the funds frozen.



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Political structure of the Cheyenne Nation from pre-history to modern times

Written by John H. Moore, PhD, University of Florida
Submitted by Floyd Blackbear

The basic structure of the Cheyenne political system and its antiquity deep in history first became known to scholars and the general public in a classic work of ethnology and jurisprudence entitled *The Cheyenne Way* by Karl Llewellyn and E. Adamson Hoebel. Llewellyn was a prominent legal scholar, a founder of the American Realist approach to legal studies. Hoebel was a student of Franz Boas who later became President of the American Anthropological Association. Their views of Cheyenne politics have been substantially confirmed and elaborated in many subsequent books and article. The Cheyenne have served as a standard “textbook.

1. *The Cheyenne Way* by Karl N Llewellyn and E. Adamson Hoebel, 1941 Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press.
2. *Karl Llewellyn and the Realist Movement* by William Twining, 1973 Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press.
3. Especially *Sweet Medicine* by Peter J. Powell, 1969 Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press, *The Cheyenne Nation: A Social and Demographic History* by John H. Moore Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press. Many other sources are listed in the *Ethnographic Bibliography of North American Indians*, 5 vol., 1975, vol. 5, “Cheyenne.” New Haven, CN: Human Relations Area Files Press. example for the study of comparative politics and legal theory. Their complex legal system and their unique constitutional and legal principles have been widely interpreted and debated.

Essentially, the Cheyenne Nation exhibits a political structure, which is not entirely secular there is no explicit separation of “church and state.” The national government has religious aspects and obligations, much like the political systems of modern England, Israel or Iran. Three sources of political power are recognized: 1) the Keeper of the sacred Arrows, 2) the Council of Chiefs, and 3) the Headsman of the Military Societies. Cheyenne tradition and practice maintains a balance of power among these three entities.

The Cheyenne Arrow-Keeper is entrusted with the custody of four Sacred Arrows, whose origins are prehistoric, which constitute a physical embodiment and representation of traditional law. Traditionally, the Arrows are said to be “444 years old.” The best documentary and scientific evidence would place their origins sometime before 1680, which makes the Arrows, as a political charter, older than the Constitution of the United States of the Declaration of Independence. Documents and oral tradition describe an unbroken line of Arrow Keepers from Sweet Medicine, the first Keeper and culture hero of the Cheyenne’s; to the present Keeper, Bill Red Hat, Jr. the list Keepers is as follows.

4. The book has been cited over a hundred times in standard legal and social science citation indices, such as Social Sciences Citation Index, Philadelphia, PA: Institute for Sci-

entific Information.

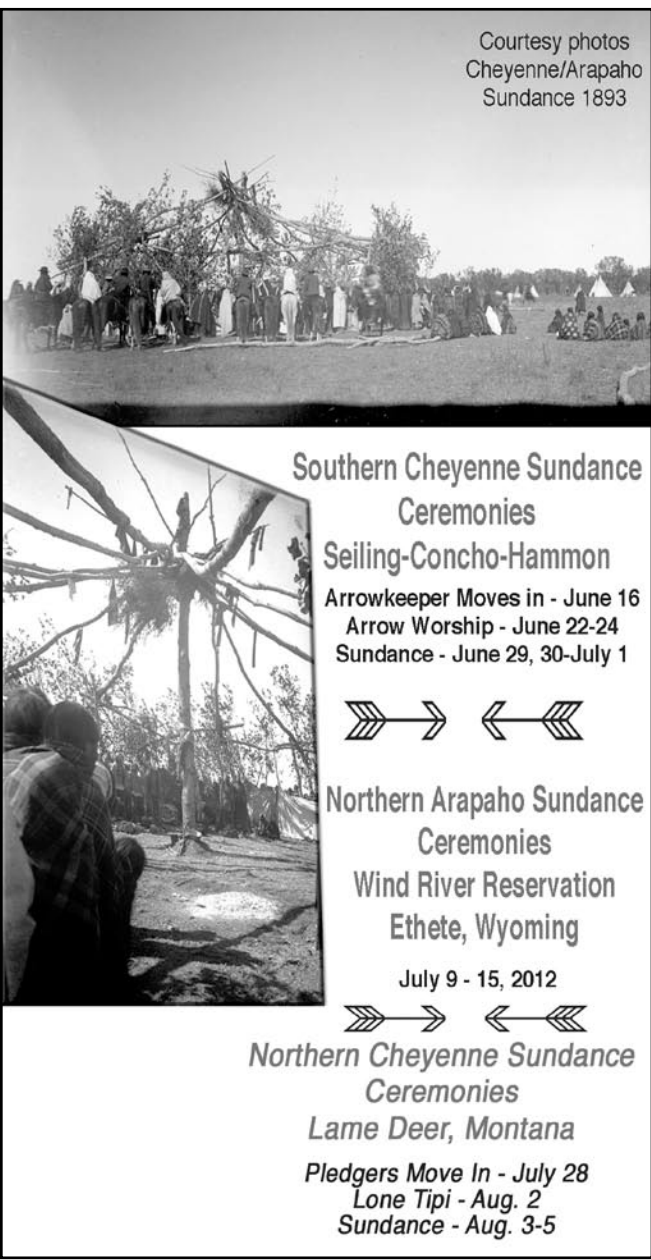
5. This list is compiled from the author’s personal experience, from Powell, op. cit., vol. 2, Black Bear of Watonga, Oklahoma, who consulted official government records to determine birth and death dates of Arrow Keepers in the reservation period.

1. Sweet Medicine
2. Crow
3. Bear medicine
4. Rabbit Robe
5. Elk River
6. Standing Bear End
7. Magpie
8. Lame Medicine
9. White Thunder (first document Keeper, b. 1763, d. 1838)
10. Stone Forehead
11. Black Hairy Dog
12. Little Man
13. Mower
14. White Rabbit
15. Red Bird Hog
16. Baldwin Twins
17. Magpie
18. Red Crow Cherries
19. Baldwin Twins
20. Jay Black Kettle
21. Jim Medicine Elk
22. Edward Red Hat
23. Joe Antelope
24. Alfrich Heap of Birds
25. Wayne Red Hat
26. Bill Red Hat, Jr.

The Arrow Keepers duties are primarily ceremonial, but he has the power to resolve any political situation if it is set before him by the Chiefs or Headsmen. His regular duties are to tend to the Arrows, kept in a special tipi, to counsel and pray with those who seek his help, to schedule an Arrow Ceremony when it is needed, and to make sure that annual ceremonies are properly coordinated.

An Arrow Keeper is elected for life upon the death or registration of the previous Arrow Keeper. He is elected by a consensus of assembled Chiefs and Headsmen. He must be “a good man” who leads a quiet life, is full blood Cheyenne, and speaks the Cheyenne language. He can resign at any time. A consensus of Chiefs and Headsmen can ask for his resignation at any time, and he must comply.

The Chief’s Society has special status among Cheyenne men’s societies. Chiefs are supposed to be leaders of their communities, and serve to provide food, clothing and shelter to needy people. They adjudicate disputes within the commu-



nity. Tradition states that Sweet Medicine originally appointed 44 chiefs, four of them senior or “old man” chiefs. After it became clear to the Cheyenne people in the 19th century that the Northern Cheyenne’s of Montana had become permanently separated from Southern Cheyenne’s of Oklahoma, separate Council of Chiefs was appointed for the northerners in 1895. Each group now maintains a chiefs bundle of 44 sticks, symbolizing the full complement of chiefs who can serve on the Council. In fact, the actual number of chiefs in Montana and Oklahoma has ranged between twenty and thirty since World War II.

In Cheyenne history, there have been six to ten military societies at different times, the most prominent being the Dog Soldiers, the Fox Soldiers, the Bowstrings, the Crooked Lances and the Crazy Dogs. Although the organizational structure varies among the different societies, most maintain four “Headsmen” in leadership positions. As a collective body, the Headsmen of all the societies are most concerned about international relations, especially between the Cheyenne’s.

6. Thanks to Mr. Max Watan for providing a list of “Sweet Medicine’s Old Time Rules” prepared in 1971 upon the election of Edward Red Hat as Arrow Keeper.
7. See *The Cheyenne* by John H. Moore, 1966, pp. 160-167. Oxford, England: Blackwell.
8. “Cheyenne Soldiers Societies,” by Karen D. Peterson, *Plains Anthropologist* 9, 25:146-172.

Coyote Thoughts: A Native explains mental health

By Beau Washington

A Native set out to make sense of the world, wondering why some people are happy while some struggle with troubles. He didn’t have words for the mental pain, heartbreak and anger he’d seen. Without names for these things, they’re hard to understand. Although the wind is invisible, we feel it and sometimes see the dust and leaves it blows. Though invisible, wind can be very strong. Our thoughts are more powerful than the wind. We feel them and see them in our deeds. We can get out of the wind, but our thoughts are always with us. They bring us joy and sorrow. They store memories of the past and shape plans for the future.

The Native wanted to understand the mystery of the powerful thoughts. He went to the university to find words for these things. There they had many names for these painful thoughts. They were complex and difficult to understand. He went back to his people. He told them what he learned, but it was like he was from a place far away, no longer one of them. The university words were strange. He had no language to tell his people. His knowledge was useless to those in pain. He realized he needed to translate what he gathered for the people. So he did.

In many Indian stories, humans are viewed as pitiful animals, without strength to walk when born, with poor hearing and sense of smell, and not enough fur to keep warm in winter. So the Creator gave the greatest gifts of all to humans: the ability to think, to talk and to care for others. In the old days, the Indians used these gifts well. They knew the secrets of life to live in harmony and keep the pain of anger and depression away. The elders taught the children how to think about problems. One day the United States government decided the Indians didn’t know enough. They put all the Indian children in boarding schools to teach them to read, write and memorize what was important to white people, leaving behind the knowledge of the elders.

Separation from family caused things to change for the People. The Indian children couldn’t understand being taken away to learn things that meant nothing to their lives. The children lost the knowledge from the

Elders to understand the world, solve problems and live in harmony. The children would think and think, often with no answers to questions and problems. It was like running around and around a big boulder to find the answer, seeing the same things over and over again and not finding new paths to take away from the hard times. They no longer knew the secrets of life to pass down to their children.

Indians have tremendous physical courage. We know how to stand up to our enemies. Because of boarding schools, Elders weren’t there to teach children how to work problems out with others. Worst of all, the elders weren’t there to teach them how to defeat the troubles within. This left some of us with few ways but to run from problems we can’t see and don’t know how to defeat. Thinking of those problems can be like having bees in our head stinging us, with no escape from the pain. One way to escape a swarm of bees is to jump into water. Sometimes people use alcohol, drugs or worse to escape the pain of thinking.

In the university the Native learned about cognitive distortions. It’s a curious term, meaning a thought is possible, but isn’t accurate and often it’s just wrong. He realized that it’s like your mind being tricked into believing something false. In many Indian Nations, the coyote is known as the trickster. The coyote is always trying to take advantage or mislead us. When we believe thoughts that aren’t true, it’s like the coyote trickster is controlling our thoughts, creating problems that are bigger than they really are. He decided to call them “coyote thoughts”© 2011.

One coyote thought isn’t much of a problem. A pack of coyotes will take you down. If you don’t chase the coyote thought away, it brings others. When we dwell on things the coyotes start to gather, creating bigger and bigger problems. The more coyotes we have and the more we dwell on a problem, the greater the pain. It’s hard to fight something we can’t see. Knowing the names of the coyotes brings them out of the dark into the light. Recognizing them is our best chance of ending the darkness and pain they bring.



Dr. Washington received his doctorate from the University of Northern Colorado. A member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Beau grew up at Haskell where his father was a teacher.

While researching depression, he also discovered the wide range of problems that rumination (dwelling) on problems creates in other mental problems as well. His active understanding of ruminative thought lead to developing a technique for effectively stopping the painful thoughts that plague distressed individuals. In addition, Beau developed cognitive models of depression and addiction.

The University of New Mexico (UNM) is currently conducting a clinical trial to add Beau’s therapy to the short list of evidenced based therapies now used in therapy. John Gray, Ph.D. at UNM calls his therapeutic approach innovative. Beau understands that part of the key to successful intervention is making psychology consumer friendly, for example, changing the term “cognitive distortion” to “Coyote Thoughts” ©2011. He has also developed a Native suicide prevention program called “Coyote Thoughts”. Beau has trained and presented at reservations as well as regional and national conferences.

The Native realized the people need to learn this, to be the keepers of these truths and to keep the coyotes away. If you would like this column to be a monthly column, help us find a sponsor.

Games

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interesting, there are a lot of younger kids that will be playing different sports throughout the week. I think it will be a lot of fun to watch the kids play against out-of-state teams. I took off work to be a part of this,” Longman said. “I think this will give our youth a chance to mingle and meet people from other tribes, I just believe this is a great opportunity for everyone who is a part of the games this week. When I was younger I was able to travel all over the U.S. to play against other Native teams and I made all kinds of friends. Over the years that has dwindled due to the cost of renting a field is much higher than it was when I was younger ... it cost \$10 back in my day and today it can cost anywhere between \$100 to \$500 to rent a field ... just to play a game of softball.”

The Parade of Nations began at 8 p.m. and lasted an hour

and half. Thousands of Native American athletes participated in the opening ceremonies.

“I’d like to welcome all of you to our community and wish you success as you participate in the 2012 Jim Thorpe Native American Games,” Bob Barry Jr., Oklahoma’s News Channel 4’s sports director said in his opening remarks.

“There are more than two thousand athletes representing their tribes, who have come to compete in a dozen different sporting events to honor Thorpe’s legacy as not only Oklahoma’s greatest athlete, but a man widely considered ‘The World’s Greatest Athlete.’”

Along with the athletic competition, activities will include stickball exhibitions, trade show, interactive exhibits and clinics.

Legislative News

Submitted by Ramona Tall Bear, Legislative Clerk

Constitutional Amendment. This will be the primary focus of the Legislature this summer because everyone agrees the current constitution needs improvement. We plan to hold hearing in the Districts to hear what changes are wanted by tribal members. We hope to have a vote in the fall. Please read the ideas below and prepare to discuss changes at the public hearings. Also feel free to send your thoughts to the Legislature by mail or e-mail.

Bills passed at the May Regular Session

The acts passed by the Legislature at the Regular May Session on May 12 were given to the Governor on May 14.

The seven bills are: Transit Grant 2012, Building Safety and Efficiency Act, Preliminary approval for Easement at Canton, 2012 Budget, A Resolution to Approve Staggered Terms (Supreme Court), A Resolution to Impeach Legislator Clifton Ellis (ineffective because only three votes cast), A Resolution to Remove Housing Authority Commissioner Melvin Whitebird.

These bills were returned to the Legislature on May 24 with the following signed into law: A Resolution to Remove Housing Authority Commissioner Melvin Whitebird, A Resolution to

Approve the Application for the Transit Grant 2012, and A Resolution to Approve Staggered Terms.

The vetoed bills are: A Bill to Adopt the Building Safety and Efficiency Act, A Resolution to Impeach and Remove Legislator Clifton Ellis, A Bill to Establish an Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, and A Resolution to Give Preliminary Approval of an Easement at Canton to be Completed by CenterPoint Energy Gas transmission Company, LLC.

Copies of the Bills and the letter from the Governor regarding the signing of May 2012 Regular Session Bills and Resolutions can be found on the Tribes’ website on the Legislative Branch page or by calling the Legislature.

Special Legislative Session May 23, 2012

At the Special Session called by the Governor on Wednesday, May 23 the Legislature heard two items: Approval to Submit Coordinated Tribal Assistance Grant Resolution and An Act Adopting the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Sex Offender Registration.

The Resolution to approve the submission of the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Grant was tabled, pending re-

ceipt and review of the grant application documents. The Act adopting the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Sex Offender Registration was passed and taken to the Governor for signature on May 29.

Bills proposed for July

There will be additional Resolutions and Bills submitted by the 30-day deadline of June 14, 2012. These will be listed on the Public Notice which will be made available at the end of that day.

Building Safety and Efficiency Act
Annual Budget 2012
Annual Budget 2013
Canton Easement
Amend the Constitution

A Bill to Amend the Constitution pursuant to Article XIII, §1 (a), is being considered. The first questionnaire for this Act is being presented to tribal members below. These are just a few of the issues we are considering and more will be introduced next month.

Please check the circles and give any other thoughts you may have. Please cut this out, answer the questions, and mail to the C&A Legislature, P.O. Box 38, Concho, Okla. 73022 or deliver to the Legislative Clerk’s office located in the Education building at the Concho Tribal Complex.



Constitutional Survey Questions DRAFT

The Legislature is considering amending the 2006 Constitution and would appreciate members' opinions on the following questions in advance of a official constitutional amendment election.

1. Membership –

a. The constitution allows dual citizenship so long as the member has not received land or money from the other tribe. Should the Constitution:

☐ Stay the same?

☐ Be amended to prohibit any dual membership?

☐ Be amended to allow multiple tribal memberships?

b. The constitution gives Tribal Council power to enact membership ordinances, but the BIA asks that a tribal resolution also approve the ordinance. The legislature is better suited to draft legislation and hold public hearings. Should membership laws be passed by tribal law and then be approved by Tribal Council, like the budget is passed?

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Executive Branch – The constitution created a four branch government, separating the Business Committee into executive and legislative branches. Should the Constitution

☐ Stay the same?

☐ Be amended to combine the executive and legislative branches into an “Executive Council,” (or other name) with changes from the old business committee to avoid the problems experienced under the 1975 Constitution? What new provisions should a single Executive Council include:

☐ Automatic removal if 2 or 3 meetings are missed with no legitimate excuse?

☐ A quorum and notice requirements for meetings.

☐ An elected treasurer responsible for all funds.

☐ Double signatures on all or most checks.

☐ A stronger mandate for a detailed budget and fiscal transparency.

☐ Seven members to avoid a tie and a right size body.

☐ Voters elect members to positions or the body selects their own officers.

3. Elections – The constitution has many rules for elections but our elections still have too much controversy. Should we consider better ways to hold elections, such as:

☐ Do we need voter registration, or is tribal ID sufficient?

☐ Vastly un-equal current districts are un-democratic, and the constitution has a very difficult method of redistricting. Should we make it easier to create equal districts, or do away with districts altogether? How should we deal with the members who live outside districts?

☐ Should we allow flexibility to hold a single election if it is better than a primary and general elections?

Should the Tribes elections:

☐ Continue to separate Cheyenne and Arapaho voters?

☐ Consider all tribal members the same?



Squash Casserole

Cooking with USDA Foods

Recipes furnished by the
Cheyenne & Arapaho Food Distribution Program



2 boxes Stove Top stuffing mix
1 can cream of mushroom soup
3-4 Yellow Squash-sliced
1 small onion-chopped
3 cups of shredded cheddar cheese
2-1/2 cups water

Mix together stuffing mix, cream of mushroom soup, chopped onion, sliced squash. Add water.

Stir in shredded cheddar cheese.
Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes.
Remove, top with shredded cheddar cheese. Place back in oven to melt cheese.
Remove and serve.

Awards

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Advertising, Sales Promotion, In-Depth Enterprise, Editorial Comment, Personal Columns, News Writing, Feature Writing, Sports Coverage, Photography and Community Leadership.

The contests drew 937 entries from 98 newspapers, and were judged by members of the Nevada Press Association.

In addition to the 10 Sequoyah Award winners, 120 first place plaques were presented during the awards banquet. Newspapers receiving second, third or fourth place in the contest received certificates.

A complete list of winners in the 2012 OPA Better Newspaper Contest is available on the OPA website at okpress.com/2012-contest-results.

Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes Head Start Program



The Cheyenne & Arapaho Head Start Program-Concho Center is continuously accepting applications for enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year. The Head Start Program is a comprehensive Child Development Program that is designed to promote high quality services and provide a range of individualized services in the area of Education, Early Childhood, Medical, Dental, Mental Health, Nutrition and Parent Involvement. Head Start Services are responsive and appropriate to each child and family’s development, Ethnic, Cultural and Linguistic experience.

Eligibility Requirements:

3 years old to 5 years old-must be 3 years old by September 1, and turn 5 years old after September 1.

For Application to be processed, the following must be attached:

- a) Copy of Child’s Birth Certificate
- b) Copy of Child’s Immunization Record
- c) Copy of Child’s Social Security Card
- d) Copy of Child’s Health Insurance card
- e) Income Verification
- f) If the Child has Special Needs. Documentation Attached.
- g) CDIB (If Applicable)

Head Start provides transportation to and from the Head Start Center in a 25 mile radius in service area. Includes Concho, El Reno, Kingfisher, Okarche, Geary and Calumet.

Certified Staff, Age Appropriate Curriculum, Certified CDL Bus Drivers, Nutritious Meals-Breakfast and Lunch, Cultural Activities and Field Trips.

The Cheyenne & Arapaho Head Start Program follows Federal Guidelines and local Department of Human Services requirements. The Head Start Program does not discriminate against: Race, Color, Sex, National Origin or Disabilities.

For Enrollment Packet or more information call Benita Bear, Center Supervisor at (405) 422-7647 or Rachel Snyder, Family Services Coordinator at (405) 422-7645 or (405) 227-2055.

Diabetes Prevention

YOUTH CAMP !

JULY 26-28, 2012



Brought to you by the C & A Diabetes Wellness Program in conjunction with the Clinton I. H. S.

Space is limited to the first 50 completed applications.

Pick up schedule, packing list, contacts and other important information included in the application

Please bring a turtle to paint and participate in Turtle Races



ALL MEALS AND SNACKS PROVIDED



Please contact the C & A Diabetes Wellness Program for an application and more information: Phone: (405) 422-7723
Fax: (405) 422-8262
PO Box 167
Concho, Oklahoma 73022

Completed Applications Due by July 1, 2012 by 5:00 pm

Native Youth ages 8-13 are invited to participate in this exciting camp located at the Willie Fletcher Wellness Center in Concho. This 3-day 2-night experience will provide your child with:

- Games, swimming and fun activities
- Health, Wellness and diabetes prevention Education
- Cultural activities
- Free t-shirts, bags and other prizes
- Turtle Races



BRIEFS

The National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Conference

June 17-20, 2012 in Lincoln, Neb. For more information or to register visit www.ncai.org.

Developing Tribal Travel Policies using IRS and OMB Guidelines

June 18-19, 2012 at the Embassy Suites in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The second annual Native American Human Resources Conference

June 19-20, 2012 at the Hard Rock Hotel in San Diego, Calif. For more information or to register register visit www.nativenationsevents.org.

Indian Land and Law

June 20-22, 2012 at the Embassy Suites in Las Vegas, Nev.

This course offers a comprehensive view of current federal policies regarding Indian land. For more informa-

tion or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Financial Literacy for Tribal Secretaries and Administrative Assistants

June 21-22, 2012 at the Embassy Suites in Las Vegas, Nev.

For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Indian Housing Law

June 25-27, 2012 at the Embassy Suites in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Robert’s Rules of Order for the Tribal Recording Secretary

June 27-29, 2012 at the Embassy Suites in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The National Unity Conference

July 4-11, 2012 at the Sheraton Phoenix Hotel in Phoenix, Ariz. For more information or to register visit www.unityinc.org.

The Northwest Indian Gaming and Expo

July 16-18, 2012 at the Little Creek Casino Resort in Shelton, Wash. For more information or to register visit www.washingtonindiangaming.org.

The 17th annual Gathering of Tribal Drining Water and Wastewater Professionals and Tradeshow

July 17-19, 2012 at the Moronga Casion and Resort in Cabazon, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.nawainc.org.

Payroll Tax Management for Tribal Organizations

July 23-24, 2012 at the Courtyard Marriott in Oklahoma City. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Role of the Recording Secretary within Tribal Organizations

July 23-24, 2012 at the Westin Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

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Photo by Rebecka Lyman
Kohloni Black blows into the tender to make fire during a demonstration by Rick Perry.

using a bow drill.

“I will show you how to build a fire by grinding these pieces of wood together while using this bow,” Berry said. “The downward pressure causes black dust to form in the notch of the fireboard, eventually creating a hot, glowing coal. Then we will place the coal onto tinder and fan it gently until we see the flame.”

Behan said that she is thank-

ful for the gifts the Creator has given her.

“When I go home I sleep outside under the stars ... people tell me I don’t have to live the way I do ... I tell them ... oh but I do,” Behan said smiling “I hope that all who are a part of this journey will embrace these teachings, our earth and begin to forgive and heal.”

Behan said the healing ceremonies would be held at Black Kettle on the Washita; Turkey Springs; Sand Creek Massacre site; Punished Woman Creek; Ft. Robinson; Noahvose and Little Big Horn.

For more information about Behan’s journey visit www.grandmothershorses.com.

CATV 47

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Photo by Rebecka Lyman

The station will provide educational and cultural Native American programming to viewers in an eight-county area of

central and western Oklahoma, with its digital signal reaching homes in Oklahoma City to the east, Kingfisher to the north, Hinton to the west and Anadarko to the south.

Funded, in part, by a grant from the United States Department of Commerce via the National Telecommunications and information Administration, the station will broadcast from facilities at the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal headquarters in Concho, Okla., north of El Reno.

Central to the mission of CATV-47 will be the furtherance of tribal language skills and delivery of positive reinforcement of Native American culture to its viewers. Programming will include CATV-produced shows of local interest as well as award-winning national films, documentaries and more. The station has also secured a content-sharing agreement with the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority (OETA).

“We are excited and anxious to get this station ‘officially’ on the air. It will be a tremendous asset to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, bringing them important community information, inspiring stories, wisdom of the elders, and helping to keep the languages of the Cheyenne and Arapaho people alive and enduring,” Burleson said.

The 12th annual conference for Indian families essay contest

Who Can Participate: Native American students enrolled in grades 5th - 12th.

Length and Language: 1200 - 2500 words. Essays must be a minimum of 1200 words but not exceed 2500 words.

For Winning Authors: First place receives \$300, second place receives \$150, and third place receives \$75.

Deadline: June 30, 2012

Theme: Living Proof

Native nations continue to make great strides in governance, economy, education and social welfare. We work daily to triumph over generations of destructive federal and state policies that sought to end our political, cultural and social existence. We are the living proof that our people did not just “survive,” we continue to “thrive.” The theme of this year’s For All My Relations Conference is “Living Proof”. We can all look to historical examples, heroic figures and personal anecdotes that speak to our

resiliency and determination. Each one of us is “living proof” that the strength, pride, courage and cultural values of our communities continue to thrive.

Write an essay illustrating how you or a member of your family or community demonstrates the “Living Proof” theme in overcoming historic or contemporary challenges.

Rules:

Entries will be judged anonymously. Each essay must be original work of the contestant. All essays may be published in whole or part by NIJC. Winning essays will be published.

Essays must be submitted to NIJC by June 30, 2012. Essays may be emailed to nijc@aol.com or faxed to 707-579-9019 or mailed to 5250 Aero Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

Each essay must be submitted with a page that includes the applicants name, age, grade, tribal affiliation, address, phone number, and email.



Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Baylee Corean Fasthorse at the 2011 Oklahoma Indian Nations powwow in Concho, Okla.

The photo Baylee Corean Fasthorse’s has been selected to be the “face” of Oklahoma Indian Nation’s powwow in the *Oklahoma Travel Guide* magazine.

Baylee, age 7, is Cheyenne, Arapaho, Cherokee and Oglala Sioux. Her parents are Thomas Fasthorse and Margaret Tallbear of El Reno, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of the late DeForest “Mock” Tallbear, Debra White, the late Lolita Blindwoman-Coffe and Jeannie Bigfoot.

Visit www.travelok.com to view the *Oklahoma Travel Guide*.

Attention all tribal members eligible for per capita payments

As we prepare for the 2012 gaming revenue disbursements we ask for your help to ensure distribution happens in the best possible manner with the least waste of time and effort.

If you HAVE NOT moved or DO NOT HAVE a name change, DO NOT submit any forms.

If you have moved or have a name change, then your W-9, NOTARIZED change of address form, and any additional documents must be in the enrollment office by close of business on the last day that the forms are accepted.

All forms are to be obtained from and then returned to the ENROLLMENT OFFICE. You can also download a COA/ W-9 from our tribal website www.c-a-tribes.org located in programs-Enrollment.

Per capita WILL NOT accept any forms other than what enrollment delivers.

All checks will be mailed to the W-9 address. Checks will not be held or handed out.

Make sure to include your mailing address on your W-9.

The 2012 Gaming Per capita schedule will go as follows:

Saturday, June 30, 2012

Last day to submit garnishment for 2012 per capita

1. CHILD SUPPORT, STUDENT LOANS, IRS (FEDERAL GOVERNMENT) these are the only garnishments the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes will recognize.

Sunday, July 29, 2012

Last day to submit COA forms for the August 2012 per capita disbursement.

Forms must be in enrollment office by the close of business on this day.

Aug. 1 - 9, 2012

Per Capita office will be closed except for appointments during this time.

Appointments can be made by calling per capita every morning between 8 AM to 9 AM.

PLEASE KNOW YOUR ROLL NUMBER.

Appointments are for the receipt of 2011 gaming per capita, delivery of a police report, proof of filing a court order in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal court, or a Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal court order.

Messages will be answered in the order they are received and as time allows.

Sunday, Aug. 12, 2012

Last day to claim 2012 Gaming Per capita

Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2012

Checks will be printed

Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2012

Per Capita office is OPEN

1099s will be released the following January if the issue amount is over \$600.00

Powwows & Events CALENDAR

Lucky Star Casino presents Jenni Rivera

June 16, 2012 at the Lucky Star Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. For ticket purchases or more information call (405) 262-7612 or visit www.luckystarcasino.org.

The 17th annual Oklahoma Indian All-State Basketball Games

June 16, 2012 at the Oklahoma Wesleyan University campus in Bartlesville, Okla. Games will start at 6 p.m. For more information call (918) 642-3162 or email paradox@valornet.com.

The 38th annual Tonkawa Tribal powwow

June 22-24, 2012 at Ft. Oakland in Tonkawa, Okla. For more information call Don Patterson at (580) 628-2561 or visit www.tonkawatribe.com.

The 15th annual Peoria powwow

June 22-24, 2012 at 60610 E. 90 Road in Miami, Okla. For more information call Frank Hecksher at (918) 540-2535 or visit www.peoriatribe.com.

Lucky Star Casino presents LL Cool J

June 23, 2012 at the Lucky Star Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. For ticket purchases or more information call (405) 262-7612 or visit www.luckystarcasino.org.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Diabetes Prevention Youth Camp for ages 8-13

July 26-28, 2012 at the Willie Fletcher Health Center in Concho, Okla. Registrations due by July 1, 2012. For more information or to register call (405) 422-7723.

Lucky Star Casino presents comedian, Ron White

June 30, 2012 at the Lucky Star Casino Event Center in Concho, Okla. Two shows beginning at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. For tickets or more information call (405) 422-7612.

Quapaw Tribal powwow

July 4-7, 2012 at the Quapaw Tribal grounds, 5681 S. 630 Road, Quapaw, Okla. An annual celebration over the 4th of July weekend that includes dancing, contests, vendors and plenty of family fun. For more information call (918) 542-1853.

Lucky Star Casino presents Boston

July 14, 2012 at the Lucky Star Casino Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show starts at 8 p.m. For more information visit www.luckystarcasino.org or www.zooamp.com.

Lucky Star Casino presents Kevin Costner and Modern West

July 19, 2012 at the Lucky Star Casino Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show starts at 8 p.m. For more information visit www.luckystarcasino.org or www.zooamp.com.

Lumpmouth Family Reunion

4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Come & Go
Saturday, Aug. 4
Lake El Reno Pavillion
in El Reno, Okla.

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Bring a Side Dish (meat will be catered)
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Women Are Sacred

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Domestic Violence Program provides **Counseling** for Native American women, including the elderly, who have been involved in domestic abuse, sexual assault or stalking.

Advocacy in obtaining victim’s protective orders and referrals to agencies that may be of assistance to them.

Support for clients and their families while in crisis.

For more information or help call
(405) 422-7692-office or toll free
(800) 247-0345 ext. 27692

This project is supported by Grant No.2209-TW-AX-0039 awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice

Happy Birthday



Happy 4th Birthday
Aden! (The man)
June 18
Love, mom, dad,
Miklyn and Isaiah



Happy 30th Birthday
Carrie Lamebull
June 30
We are proud of you niece
and we wish you happiness
and good health.
Your uncles Bill and Bob



Happy 3rd Birthday to our
"Bird" (Curtis)
White Thunder-Lucero
You sure know how to put a
smile on our faces. You are
the smartest, loveable little
boy. We are so thankful we
have you in our lives. Love
always, mom, dad, Stoney
and White Thunder family



Happy 4th Birthday
Henry!
Love, Papa



Happy Belated 13th
Birthday
Elijah Wilson
June 7
Love your momma, daddy,
Evy, Junebug and Cha Cha.
We love you both so much
and are very proud of
the both of you.



Happy Birthday my girls
Troy and Myra
June 12 and June 16
May Ma'heo continue
to watch and bless
you both always.
Love mom and nana



Happy 13th Birthday
Benjamin Patrick Spottedwolf
June 16
You have been through a lot in
your first 13 years and I continue
to look into the future for great
and wonderful things for you! I
love you so much Bugga Bear,
keep smiling! Love mom, Uriah
Bear and Keleah. I know dad
loves and misses you too!



Happy 2nd Birthday
Jocilyn Rose Davidson
From ma, papa, nana and
all your family.
We love you!!!



Happy Birthday
To you both
June 20
Love dad



Congratulations
Kaden Jay Black
For graduating the
Kindergarten
We are very proud of you,
love grandma

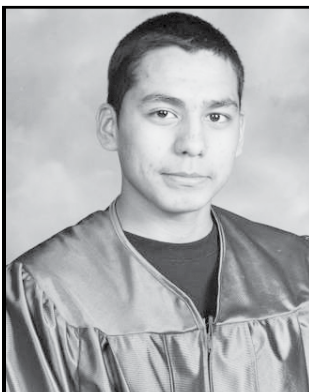
Congratulations
Jalen Thomas on
your kindergarten
graduation May 31, 2012!
We are so proud of you
and you bring such joy and
laughter to all of our lives.
Love, mama, daddy,
grandma, papa, nana and
your other papa

Happy Birthday sis
Angie "Freezy" Bigfoot
June 13
May you have many more. May Ma'heo
watch over you and keep you.
Remember true soldiers never lock down.
Love you sis, your big sis



Award, for 7th grade boys
basketball team at Del
Crest Middle School in
Del City, Okla. for the
2011-2012 school year.
He received the trophy at
his school awards cere-
mony. He also maintained
an "A" average all school
year.

Congratulations
Cheyenne-Creek-Semi-
nole Nation tribal mem-
ber,
Addisyn Lena, son of
Laura Lopez and Brandon
Lena received an MVP



Congratulations
Shane Richard Black is the
18-year-old son of Kawa
Black, Jr. and Sharon
Newbreast of El Reno,
Okla. and the grandson of
Agnes Little Hawk and
Kino Littlehawk, Sr. of El
Reno and the late Kawa
Black Sr. of Watonga,
Okla. He is a member of
the Cheyenne and Arapaho
tribes of Oklahoma.
Shane has attended Jones
Academy and Hartshorne
Public Schools since sixth
grade. He was selected as
Jones Academy Outstanding
FFA student this year. After
high school, Shane will
attend Eastern Oklahoma
State College in the fall
with plans to major in
psychology.

Memorial Birthday
Those we love remain
with us for love itself
lives on.
Cherished memories
never fade, because a
loved one's gone. Those
we love can never be
more than a thought
away, far as long as there
is a memory. They'll live
on in our heart.
Happy Birthday mom,
Minnie J. Blindwoman
June 27



Happy Father's Day dad!
Love, Nakayla, Isaiah, Miklyn and Aden



Happy Fathers Day Papa!
Love, Miklyn and Aden



Happy Father's Day to
the best catch of daddy
in the world!
Love your fishing
buddy.
Curtis Sage



Thank you to the community of Concho for your
on going support during our time of loss. We
miss Johnny Harvie dearly and will remember
him as a great father, a hard worker and an all
around outstanding individual. To everyone who
offered support, we are grateful for the fundraiser
dance, the blood drive and community support.
Thank you for all who helped ease our burden.
Gifts of food and cards also provided comfort.
The attendance at Johnny's services showed
how much he was loved. Thank you again
sincerely. Words can hardly express how much we
appreciate your kindness during this difficult
time in our lives.
The family of Johnny Harvie



Congratulations
Southside for being the State Hand Game
champions. Back row l-r: Keith Wetselline, Jacob
Wetselline, middle row l-r: Brandon Wermey,
Fiona Kerchee, Zella Addison, Frieda Wetselline,
team captain, Cruz Pekah, front row l-r: Ashley
Kerchee, Josetta RomanNose, Betty RomanNose,
not pictured Vivian and Connie
Saupitty and Eddie Gooday.



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J O B S find your Career



Submit tribal application, resume, diploma, transcripts, valid Oklahoma state driver's license, and CDIB to: Personnel Department P.O. Box 38 Concho, OK 73022 or e-mail: whaag@c-a-tribes.org.

OPEN POSITIONS
OKLAHOMA CITY INDIAN CLINIC

Mentor - Part Time
Closing Date: June 20

Domestic Violence Prevention Program Coordinator - Full-time
Closing Date: June 20

Certified Professional Coder - Full-Time
Closing Date: June 20

Qualifications:
The mentor will help youth develop and reach their academic, personal and career goals. This position requires spending quality time with the children weekly in the community. The youth will participate in structured activities with their mentors, i.e. attending activities in the community, social outings or helping with homework. This position requires a Bachelor's degree in Psychology, Sociology, or a related field and one year directly related experience. Experience in lieu of education will be considered.

Qualifications:
Provides individual, family, and group therapy for behavioral health patients. Conducts mental health and domestic violence evaluations. Charts clinical data for diagnosis, treatment, referral, accountability and research. Serves on committees as assigned. Must be licensed to practice in Oklahoma or under supervision. Masters degree in Behavioral Health (Social Work, Psychology, Sociology or related behavioral health field) and computer skills required. One year of directly-related field experience preferred.

Qualifications:
Audit provider-assigned codes in electronic health records. Assist and educate physicians and other clinicians by advocating proper documentation practices. Requires high school diploma or GED, Certified Professional Coder accreditation (AAPC or AHIMA), 2 years of medical billing/coding experience preferred, typing proficiency of 30 wpm or more, and knowledge of Medicare, Medicaid, commercial insurance and major coding systems including ICD-10.

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The Cheyenne Culture Center
reopens for the summer months on June 4, 2012.
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CLOSING
Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal offices will be closed on Monday June 25, 2012 in observance of Little Bighorn. Offices will re-open at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, June 26, 2012.

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In Memoriam

Alta Marie Pawnee
April 18, 1942
May 29, 2012

A wake service was held on Friday, June 1, 2012 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.
Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 2, 2012 at Huber Benson Funeral Chapel in El Reno, Okla.

Robert Joseph Toahly
May 18, 1950
June 5, 2012

A wake service was held on Friday, June, 8, 2012 at Concho Community Hall in Concho, Okla.
Funeral services were held on Saturday, June, 9, 2012 also at Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

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Exene Cervenka signs on Oklahoma duo, Skating Polly, to Moonlight Graham Records

Album, Lost Wonderfals set for release on July 31, 2012

Los Angeles, Calif.- It was February 2010 when punk legend Exene played Oklahoma City on her solo tour. Little did she know that two young girls in the audience were about to, literally, rock her world.

Peyton Bighorse, Cheyenne and Arapaho, then age 14 and Kelli Mayo, age 9, met one of their musical heroines later that night while accompanied by Peyton's mother, Amber Bighorse.

For Exene, that meeting turned a dark and dreary cold night into a room "filled with a warm light...I could tell that they were excited to be at the show like time-traveling historians, they knew everything. Although they were very young, they had a beautiful energy that just beamed from their eyes."

Now, two years later, Peyton and Kelli are Skating Polly, produced by their idol Exene, and will release their debut album, *Lost Wonderfals*, on July 31 through Moonlight Graham Records.

Back in 2010, with some local fanfare surrounding their own early rock efforts, the girls began exchanging tracks via email with their new mentor. At that same time, Exene herself was offered an A&R position at Moonlight Graham. When asked who she would like to sign, without hesitation she said Skating Polly. Exene chose to wear two hats with the girls as mentor and producer; for the first time, Exene chose to produce another artist.

"Skating Polly's influences range from bands like Bi-

kini Kill and Babes in Toyland, to Nirvana, X and The Velvet Underground. It's easy to see why the duo's tunes are filled with imaginative, poppy, punk, grunge, folk music, coupled with profound lyrics, and sung with rare emotional power," Exene said.

What began as an impromptu living room show at a Halloween sleepover in 2009, quickly turned into the beginnings of a debut album. Peyton and Kelli began with songwriting sessions, learning to play their chosen instruments and recording sessions at home with Kelli's dad on recording duty. In late 2010, they released their first album, *Taking Over the World*, on local label, Nice People Records in Oklahoma City.

The *Daily Oklahoman* named the debut as one of the "Top 5 Oklahoma Releases" of the year and the *Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune* featured the band in their September 15, 2010 issue. Skating Polly have



Kelli Mayo (l) and Peyton Bighorse are Skating Polly, the duo that will be releasing their first album, *Lost Wonderfals*, on July 31, 2012.

since opened for and played with many local and national acts as they've toured through Oklahoma City including, Broncho, The Boom Band, Luna Moth, Holly Golightly, Mr. Gnome and The Pains of Being Pure at Heart among others.

Stated simply by Exene, "Kelli and Peyton are possessed with unforgettable talent and I am grateful to the universe that I'm here at the same time they are."



A night swaying with New Edition

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter



The crowd stood to their feet as the R&B group New Edition strutted on to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Lucky Star Casino’s Event Center stage on June 2, 2012 in Concho, Okla.

Bobby Brown, who left New Edition in the 1980s for a solo career, reunited with the band in 2006.

In the 80’s the other five members continued to perform the bands slick choreography; Brown ran around the stage wildly performing tempting dance moves.

The band performed songs from their debut album *Candy*

Girl that was released in 1983; the album featured its hits, *Is this the End*, *Popcorn Love* and *Jealous Girl*.

Candy Girl was the first single from their debut album of the same name. It hit number one in the United Kingdom in May 1983, becoming the 31st best selling single of the year there.

Upcoming events include musician, LL Cool J, is scheduled to perform on June 23, comedian Ron White, June 30, with two live shows, also scheduled to perform is Kevin Costner and the Wild West, July 19, Boyz to Men, Aug. 4, and country legend, Loretta Lynn, Aug. 11.

For more information or to purchase tickets visit Lucky Star Casino’s Website, www.luckystarcasino.org.



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Redlands Community College



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University of Oklahoma



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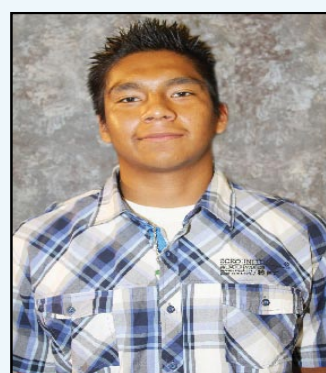
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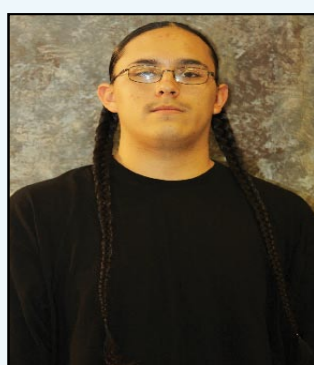
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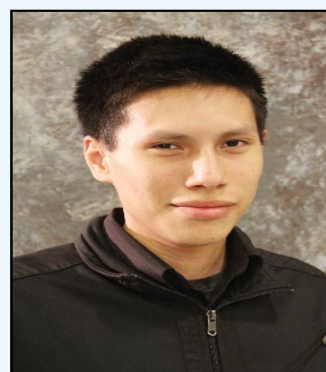
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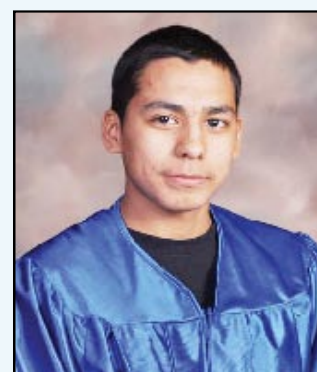
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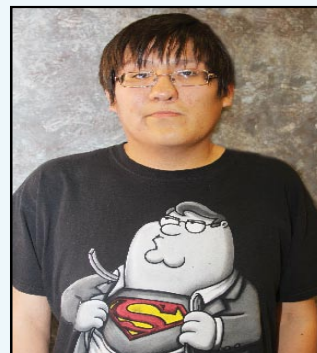
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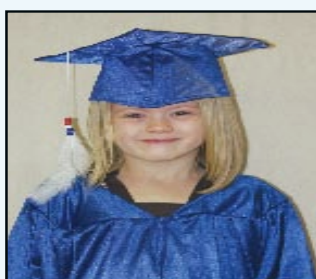
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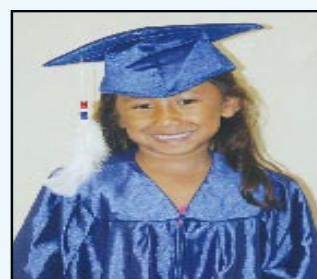
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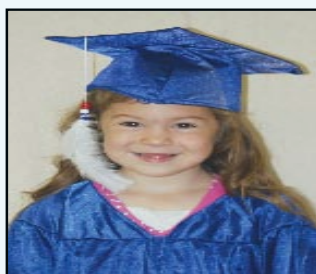
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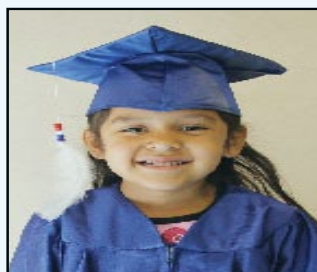
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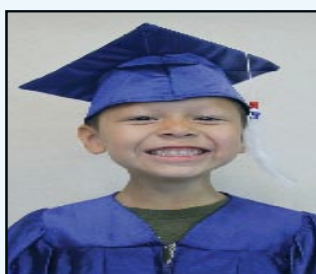
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